Help given by the Tariff Commission to the Silk Industry in the State.

*Q.—1133. Sri D. M. SIDDAIAH (Biligeri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what is the help given by the Tariff Commission to Silk Industry of the State and for how many years this has been given ;

(b) what are the steps taken by the Government for making this silk Industry a self-sufficient one, without the help of the Tariff Commission ;

(c) what are the steps taken by Government to encourage and stabilise the prices of the silk of the State by stopping the exporting and importing of Japan Silk ;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to produce finer variety of silk in our own State so as to compete with the foreign silk that is imported to our country ?

A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(a) The Tariff Commission has been recommending protection to the Sericulture Industry since 1934. The latest recommendation made by the Commission for the continuance of protection till the end of December, 1966 has been accepted by the Government of India.

(b) Gradual implementation of the several development schemes taken up during the three Five Year Plans aim at (i) increase in production of silk, (ii) improving the quality, and (iii) reducing the cost of production. The Silk Industry can become self-sufficient only after the above objectives are achieved.

(c) At present there is no export of silk yarn. Restricted import of silk is being allowed to fill up the gap between the total production in the country and the demand. The State Government have also been requesting the Government of India to further restrict imports.

(d) The Filatures are engaged in the production of the finest grades of silk possible from the cocoons produced in the State. To that extent the imports of such grades of silk have been stopped.

Amount spent for digging of wells for Mulberry cultivation in the State for the last three years.

*Q.—1135. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Biligere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) The amount spent for digging of wells for Mulberry cultivation in the State for the last three years (Districtwar figures may be given).

(b) How many such wells are completed and how many are yet to be completed.

A.—Sri B. RACHIAH (Minister for Forest and Fisheries).—

(*a*) Kolar District	...	1,18,250
Tumkur District	...	55,775
Mandya District	...	59,150
Mysore District	...	2,16,850
Bangalore District	...	1,27,090
Coorg District	...	3,500
Hassan District	...	1,000
	Total	5,81,615
(*b*) Completed wells	102	
Wells to be completed.	161	

Allotment of seats in Belgaum and Gulbarga Medical Colleges.

**Q.*—1170. Sri G. N. PATIL (Talikota).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have reserved 10 per cent of seats to be allotted by them in each of the Belgaum and Gulbarga Medical Colleges ;

(*b*) if so, whether they have utilised this reservation ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that it was understood that these 10 per cent of seats should be allotted for students coming from the respective areas, *viz.*, the Bombay Karnatak and the Hyderabad Karnatak ;

(*d*) if so, number of seats allotted in each of the above Medical Colleges to the students coming from the above areas and the place and the district to which they belong to ?

A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No.
(*d*) Does not arise.

Alltoment of seats in the Belgaum and Gulbarga Medical Colleges.

**Q.*—1171. Sri S. M. GUREDDI (Muddebihal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have reserved 10 per cent of seats to be allotted by them in each of the Belgaum and Gulbarga Medical Colleges ;